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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Richard Comnesso*

Your Board of Directors has been hard at work for your benefit and the benefit of all retired and active Police Officers of all ranks. I personally have been to meetings of local F.O.P's to hear their problems and how they are dealing with the same. Everyone is concerned with the prospect of losing our health protection rights. The Verrazano 10-13 is a member of the National 10-13 and close ties have been maintained. I have been to one of their Board of Directors meetings where all the local chapters voiced their concerns.



Anthony Perrone, President of the National Alliance addressed the membership and pointed out the importance of sending as many members as possible to lobby Day which will be held on May 11, 2010. At our February meeting, I stressed the importance of our participation, please try to attend. It does not matter what 10-13 you belong to, or who your National is. There is strength in numbers and we hope to flood the offices of our elected officials.

Our Holiday luncheon was held at the Kings Buffet Restaurant and fun was had by all. We were entertained by Pete Michaels who was hysterical. The luncheon was attended by over 100 members. Old friends and partners were united to talk over the "good old days." Past President Harry Morse was up from Florida and looking well. Our attorney John Friscia was also in attendance. Not enough can be said of John and the work he has done for this organization.

Our monthly meetings have been ever so informing. We have had guest speakers who have been extremely informing on health and money matters. In the months to come we will have financial plan-

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ners and information on elder care. Come to our meetings and be heard on your concerns. Enjoy a scrumptious meal and drinks. Meet with old friends and partners.

Our 8th Annual Golf Outing will be held on August 30, 2010 at the Silver lake Golf Course. Last year's event was our largest and everyone had a wonderful time. Once again we will have an 8:00 am shotgun start, which will be followed by a fantastic lunch at the Marine Corp. League.

Anyone one who attended last year's outing will tell you of the fun we had and prizes that were given out. I have already started the proceedings by booking the golf course and Marine Corp. League. Our Board of Directors have been helping with the planning so that it will not be a last minute rush. I would like to invite anyone who is willing to help to contact me. I am hoping for the same help as last year, particularly Viv Martarella,

Joyce Masella, Margaret Falcone, Linda Cammarata and Irene Comnesso. Their help was invaluable last year. I have asked the membership for help in securing sponsors and gift certificates from their favorite restaurants. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

Please check your label for any mistakes in address, name or whatever. If you see that your label states "2009", it means that your dues for the current year are not paid. Please forward your \$25.00 dues and fill out your membership application so that our records will be up to date. Remember you are the Verrazano 10-13 and your dues are what keeps this organization going.

(National Convention will be held at the old Granite Hotel, Details will follow)

*Richard Comnesso*

## **IF YOU MOVE**

*Notify the office ASAP so that there is no interruption of either the newsletter or notifications.*

## **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



Scholarship Winner  
Lauren Caspari with Rich Comnesso



Scholarship Winner  
Vanessa Castris with Rich Comnesso



Scholarship Winner  
Christine Lawson with Rich Comnesso



## *Vice President's Message*

*by Anthony Franzese*

I'm sure you are all looking forward to saying goodbye to old man winter. This past season has been the worst in recent memory, both cold and record snowfall. We still have to get through March and April but hopefully warmer weather is on its way.

I'm definitely looking forward to seeing trees and flowers in bloom, and hearing the birds singing. Golfers will once again hit the links, fisherman can get back out on their boats, and the good old American pastime Yankee Baseball, will be in full swing!

The Board of Officers has already been hard at work planning the annual golf outing - our largest fundraiser.

Our golf sponsors support us, which in turn allows us to make a generous donation to the NYPD Police Relief Fund with the proceeds. We also allot a percentage of the proceeds to go toward our college scholarship fund.

Last year we awarded five - \$500 scholarships. One of the scholarships was from a private donation by Brian Kelly of APG Security. Our goal for this year is to make five to six scholarships available.

As always we need your support and help with this huge undertaking. Please try and solicit sponsors, gift certificates and golfers.

Reach out to your doctors, lawyers, restaurant owners, accountants, barbers and any others you do business with. We are a 501 c(3), not for profit organization - these donations are tax deductible.

The Board of Officers have plenty of responsibilities. Please consider supporting your organization by joining a committee and volunteering your time and talent. Contact any board member for further details. An organization is only as strong as its members. We thank you in advance.

*Anthony Franzese*

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## *Treasurer's Report*

*by Frank Martarella*

As spring and summer come upon us, it is time to get out the baseball bats, fishing poles, golf clubs and get the barbeque grill going. Say goodbye to winter and enjoy the nice weather with a good walk every day.

Donations made in 2009 totaling \$6,632.00 were as follows:

- Staten Island Home Front
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- World of Women
- American Cancer Society
- Cooley's Anemia Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Avon Walk for Breast Cancer
- Memory of Anthony Daluise
- Police Relief Fund
- Col. David B. Kelly Scholarship  
Awarded to Timothy Sikorski
- Joseph Bellestri Scholarship  
Awarded to Lauren Casparie
- Sergeant Sal Margarella Scholarship  
Awarded to Christine Palmierie
- P.O. Anthony Lombardi Scholarship  
Awarded to Vanessa Castris
- P.O. Vito Maddaloni Scholarship  
Awarded to Tara Lawson

I want to thank all of the members who made donations above and beyond their dues at our meetings and special events.

August 30, 2010 is our 8th Annual Golf Outing which is our largest fund raiser of the year. Please help us make this outing a bigger success than all of our previous golf outings. We have already organized our golf committee headed by Richie Comnesso. We can use your help with recruiting golfers, raffle prize donations and dine-around raffle gift certificates from our favorite restaurants. We are looking forward to a fun and profitable day and need your help to make it happen.

As you probably know by reading all the other Board Members messages and reports in this Journal, we are all very excited about our recent approval for 501.3C status. A special thanks to our Trustee John Donohue and our attorney John Frisica for their hard work and endless hours in helping us achieve 501.3C status.

We recently mailed out our 2010 renewals and we ask that you please continue to support our organization and mail in your 2010 dues if you have not done so already. If your mailing label on this journal has 2009 on it, your 2010 are due.

Stay safe in all that you do and enjoy the upcoming spring time weather.

*Frank Martarella*

### **CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL**

**If your mailing label shows 2009, your dues are up top date.**

**If not, your dues are in arrears. Please pay your dues!**



## *Corresponding Secretary's Corner*

*by Joe Cammarata*

I wonder if there's any more sunlight or heat left over for the summer! I'm not a big fan of winter as it is, but this year has put the cake on New York winters, to a point that I refused to go for a scheduled stress test. What better test of your heart, lungs, skeletal composition and stamina than to move tons of heavy wet snow with a conventional a shovel and have a cold wet wind plastering your face? Move over Florida, Texas and the Carolina's I've had it!

It seems like the heat will come this November with the election coming to a boil. Neither major party's representatives are too popular with the people, and not to mention the Health Care Bill which threatens to put us and our children in debt from which we will not recover in a life time. It will be interesting to see how our line organization handles this years election process. For years we were told to register and vote Democratic that that is the party who works for us and will get us the benefits we deserve. "It's the working man's party! that's the Labor party, Republicans are for the rich bosses! These are the slogans we've heard for years and that's exactly what we got back, slogans. Cops are protected by their contract. The cost is too high. If you get it all city workers will want it, try to pass it through Albany.

The New York State Legislature is, and has been known for years, as being one of the most dysfunctional legislative bodies in the United States (see the movie 1777). In the past, if we approached a Republican Senator, he or she would be gracious and accept our input with the vocal insurance that they would do all in their power to help us BUT, the Democratic controlled Assembly wouldn't get it to the floor. If we approached an Assembly person, we would get the same assurance and almost the same answer. "We'll do all in our power to get this bill through for you BUT, you know the Republican Senate will never pass it."

What's happened in the last two years? We have a Democratic controlled Assembly. We have Democratic controlled Senate. We have a Democratic Governor. Where's our health protection bill? Where's our cost of living is increases? Why are we having funding issues with first responders health problems due to 911?

I know, we as the Verrazano 10-13, have moved to a non-political status as a 501 3C, and can't support either major party but we can, and should, put our line organizations and the Democratic party's feet to the fire. How can we now accept lip service when we were so loyal to our representatives and so called supporters.

If I do decide to seek the heat and move to Texas, Florida or the Carolina's, I'll still be asking to maintain a strong alliance with New York City and New York State Police and Labor organizations to look out for me regardless of party affiliation. Tony Perrone keep up the good work, you are now our strongest voice in NY, thank you.

*Joe Cammarata*

*Next meeting I'll have information about obtaining military form DD214's information on line and the inclusion of the "Blue Water Navy" into additional benefits for Agent Orange contact. I checked the list but I know it's not totally inclusive. My Alma Mater, USS McKean DD 784 is not included and should be. We spent a few nights throwing percussion grenades over the side to keep VC from mining the hull. I'll let you "SWABBIES" in on the scuttlebutt as soon as I get the skinny.*



## *Recording Secretary's Lines*

*by Marie Zolfo*

The January meeting was called to order by President Richard Comnesso with a salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. Special mention was given for Tony Perrone's brother who passed away. Board of Directors members present were President Richard Comnesso, Vice President Tony Franzes, Corresponding Secretary Joe Cammaraita, Secretary Marie Zolfo and Sgt At Arms Joe Massella.

President Comnesso advised the membership that the 8th Annual Golf Outing is tentatively scheduled to be held at Silver Lake Golf Course on August 30, 2010, with lunch afterwards at the Marine Corp League. Comnesso said that because of IRS restrictions, a "300" Club raffle won't be held.

The members were advised that can get a copy of the DD 214 online at [HTTP://VETRECS.archives.gov/](http://VETRECS.archives.gov/) The veteran will need their service number. They can also google Veteran's Administration.

President Comnesso told the members that he received a call from Suncoast 10-13 and two other National organization asking for information on the 501 3 c. Comnesso gave them info which included doing community work and making donations. President Comnesso informed the members that our Christmas Party was a huge success with one of the largest turnouts.

The Atlantic City bus trip was rescheduled for February 24th provided we have enough interested members.

President Comnesso gave the floor to Gary White, a retired NYPD Squad Commander and Executive Director of the 911 Police Aid Foundation. Gary White addressed the members and advised them of the work done by this Foundation. Gary told us how the Foundation renders assistant to police officers who worked at ground zero and the landfill and became ill. Gary said that over 20 officers have already died because of their exposure to the toxic fumes ingested at these locations. Gary asked for donations to help provide assistance to these members. A collection was taken by the members who donated \$609 to this foundation. Our organization will match this donation. For further information, the website is [www.911policeaidfoundation.org](http://www.911policeaidfoundation.org), or you can call 1-866 WTC-1013.

New member welcomed was Fred Casase, retired 13 pct.

First prize 50-50 of \$115. went to John Moran.

Second prize of a bottle of wine went to Donald McElligott.

As a note, John Moran wrote a book "UF 16."

Canlon provided the buffet dinner.

The February meeting opened with President Comnesso calling the membership to order with a salute to the flag and moment of silence for our sick and departed members.

Several topics of interest were discussed, which included the planning of the 8th Annual Golf Outing which has been booked at Silver Lake Golf Course for August 30, 2010, with lunch afterwards at the Marine Corp. League. President Comnesso was able to negotiate an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start at the same price as last year. Last year had our largest turnout, and we would like to surpass it this year.

The membership is being asked to help us with the fundraising for this event. If you have a contact with a local business or corporation, please send me the contact person's name and address, and I will send them a letter asking for their help in donating a prize to be raffled or to sponsor a hole. Of course, if a member is able to request this on his/her own, please do so. Especially if a member has a favorite restaurant, a gift certificate for the Dine-Around basket would also help. Don't forget to mention that we are a now a 501 (3)(c) organization and that donations are tax deductible.

Also discussed was our membership with the National 10-13. Apparently there are two 10-13 organizations. One is the National and the other the National PAC. It appears that we can be members of the National without jeopardizing our 501(3)(c) status. President Comnesso has been in contact with the Florida 10-13 and they have 501(3)(c) status and they belong to the National and not the PAC. With that, Comnesso has been in contact with the National and they also believe we can be a member of the National 10-13. President Comnesso will be checking with our attorneys to clarify the situation. This year the National will be holding their convention at the Hudson Valley Inn Resort.

The guest speakers for the February meeting were Dennis Grimaldi, V. P. Mortgage World Bankers and Anna Marie Gentile of Angiulli, Katkin and Gentile, Attorneys at Law. Dennis gave a talk regarding reverse mortgages and Anna Marie spoke about elder laws and trust funds. Both topics were of interest to our members.

The meeting was catered by Canlon, who planned his menu around Ash Wednesday offering something for everyone.

Well folks, don't know about you, but I'm tired of this snow and looking forward to Spring. All I've been hearing lately are snow blowers and the scraping of shovels. I'm really looking forward to hearing birds sing, and instead of the white of snow, the colors of flowers in bloom. I'm sure you all feel the same. Stay well.

*Marie Zolfo*

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LBA & CEA .....	1-212-964-7500
Social Security .....	1-800-772-1213
GHI .....	1-800-358-5500
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## 2010 MEETINGS

*All meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday  
of the month at 1930 hrs.*

Wed., January 20, 2010

Wed., February 17, 2010 Ash Wed.

Wed., March, 17 2010

Wed., April 21, 2010

Wed., May 19, 2010

Wed., June 16, 2010

**JULY AND AUGUST NO MEETINGS**

Wed., September 15, 2010

Wed., October 20, 2010

Wed., November 17, 2010

**DECEMBER NO MEETINGS**

## MEETING LOCATION

Knights of Columbus  
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# LOBBY DAY



**MAY 11, 2010**

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010 we will be making the annual trip to Albany for Lobby Day. Anthony Perrone, President of the National Alliance stresses the importance of this year's meeting.

Our health protection is one of the most important items that we are faced with. We need a large number of members to attend and show our strength. I hopefully will have members of the local FOB and other 10-13's attending.

Please call our 10-13 office at 718-987-6354. Leave your name and phone number where you can be reached. We will provide a bus, lunch and beverages.

**THOSE WHO SAY THEY NEVER FAILED  
HAVE NEVER TRIED**

## HEART ATTACK WARNING SIGNS

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most of them start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

**Chest Discomfort** - Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

**Discomfort in other areas of the upper body** - Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

**Shortness of breath** - This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur with or without chest discomfort. Other signs - These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.

If you or someone you're with has one or more of these signs, call 9-1-1...Get to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, and you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

## STROKE WARNING SIGNS

Stroke is a medical emergency. Every second counts, because time lost is brain lost! Know these stroke warning signs and teach them to others.

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one eye or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don't delay! Immediately call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number so an ambulance - ideally with advanced life support - can be sent to you. Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long term disability for the most common type of stroke.



# HOLIDAY



Holiday Luncheon  
President Rich Commesso and our Attorney John Friscia



Pete Michaels and Friend Entertain the Members



Holiday Luncheon - Gene Daneluzzi, Pete Anterio, Herb Shelton,  
Don Blanshaft, Don Vinci, Al Polizio, Jack Hellman, Joe Manfra and Charlie Magnotti



Holiday Luncheon  
Larry Ernst



Holiday Luncheon - Full House



Holiday Luncheon - Pat Managhan, Ellen Bjorkstrom,  
Kathy Fogarty, Fran Selowentchich and Marie Zolfo



# LUNCHEON



Holiday Luncheon  
Mike Errigo and Terry Bennett



Holiday Luncheon  
Ruth Richards and Ed Reuss



Holiday Luncheon  
Frank Polizzi and "Irish" Eddie Jordan



Holiday Luncheon - Joe Bonamo, Joe Bonamo Jr., Henry Falusenski,  
Joe Savino, John Hagarty and Terry Bennett



Holiday Luncheon  
John Garny, Bobby Walsh, Mike McDougall and John McLoughlin



Holiday Luncheon - Jersey Shore 10-13 President  
Frank Mahon and Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald



**NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS INC.  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2010-2011**

There will be three (3) one thousand dollars (\$1,000) scholarships awarded this year by the National NYCPD Organizations, Inc. The winners will be determined by a lottery drawing at its National Convention in July 2010.

To be eligible, the student must be: a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a member, in good standing of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organization, Inc or a member of one of the National NYCPD 10-13 chapters. By good standing, you must be a member a chapter for two years or more.

The applicant must be accepted into a college as a freshman, for the 2010 Fall semester. A copy of the college acceptance letter must be submitted with the application. Please return the application along with an acceptance letter by **Friday, July 2, 2010** to: National 10-13 College Scholarship, c/o Tom Mullins, 613 Sierra Vista Lane, Valley Cottage NY 10989

Please direct any questions to members of the Scholarship Committee consisting of Tom Mullins, Chairman (845) 353-3468, Richard Molloy and John Young.

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